

17. (N w) A method according to claim 16, wherein the antibody comprises a constant region of human antibody.

18. (New) A method according to claim 16, wherein the antibody is a chimeric antibody or humanized antibody.

19. (New) A method according to claim 16, wherein the antibody is an anti-HM1.24 antibody.

20. (New) A method according to claim 18, wherein the antibody is a chimeric anti-HM1.24 antibody.

21. (New) A method according to claim 18, wherein the antibody is a humanized anti-HM1.24 antibody.

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22. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the antibody binds to an epitope recognized by an anti-HM1.24 antibody.

23. (New) A method of treating a disease associated with lymphocyte activation comprising, administering to a patient in need thereof an antibody that binds to a protein having an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1.

24. (New) A method according to claim 23, wherein said disease is selected from the group consisting of autoimmune disease, rejection in organ transplantation, and allergy.